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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 29 and 31 were drawn to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits that the present claims have been rewritten such that they are in condition for allowance.

Claim 29, as originally presented, depended from claim 24. Claim 24 has now been rewritten to include the original recitation from claim 29 that the "adsorbent is activated carbon", and claim 29 has been canceled. Claim 30 has been amended to recite "activated carbon". Applicant submits that claim 24 and all claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of all rejections of claims 24-28 and 30 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitation from original claim 9 that the amount of activated carbon is 0.25 to about 5 weight % of the activated carbon based on the weight of the PO3G. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the PO3G has an initial color APHA of at least 50. Claim 1 has further been amended to recite "activated carbon". The Examiner pointed out in the Office Action that the claims did not simultaneously recite the initial color of the PO3G and the amount of adsorbent. Applicant submits that claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance. Claim 9 is being canceled in view of the amendment to claim 1. Claims 16, 17 and 22 have been amended to recite "activated carbon". In view of the present amendments, withdrawal of all rejections of claims 1-7, 10, 13-20, 22 and 23 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27, 30 and 31 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt favorable action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly requested. Should there be any remaining issues with regard to the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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